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COMPANY (OpUnit or Corporate): MCI

SUBJECT: DEAD CREEKREPORTER & MEDIA: Mike Blackwell, Belleville News-Democrat

TIME & DATE: November 26, 1980

QUESTION & RESPONSE:

Q. I WAS TALKING WITH JIM KELTY FROM THE IEPA AND HE SAID THAT CHLOROBENZENES AND CHLOROPHENOLS WERE FOUND IN THE SOIL. DOES MONSANTO MAKE THOSE CHEMICALS AT SAUGET?

A. First keep in mind that chlorobenzenes and chlorophenols are families of chemicals, chemicals that are common chemical intermediates which go into numerous chemicals to make products such as phenol, pharmaceuticals, dyes, insecticides, and oil solvents.

Now at the Sauget plant, Monsanto does manufacture some members of the families such as dichlorobenzene and dichlorophenol. However, also keep in mind that the analyses showed materials present from the families that are not manufactured at the plant. Chemicals such as trichlorobenzene and tetrachlorobenzenes...materials that are found in transformer oil in the way PCBs are found.

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